

Articles

ees in holy Scriptures by God himself, that is, that they should rule all estates & degrees committed to their charge by God, whether they be Ecclesiastical or Temporall, and restraime with the ciuill sword the stubberne and euill doers.

The Bishop of Rome hath no iurisdiction in this Realme of England.

The lawes of the Realme may punish Christian men with death, for heynous & grievous offences.

It is lawfull for Christian men, at the commaundement of the Magistrate, to weare weapons, and serue in the warres.

38 *Of Christian mens goodes, which are not common.*

THE ryches and goodes of Christians are not common, as touching the right, title, and possession of the same, as certaine Anabaptists do falsely boast. Notwithstanding euery man ought of such things as he possesseth, liberally to giue almes to the poore, according to his habilitie.

39 *Of a Christian mans othe.*

AS we confesse that bayne and rash swearing is forbidden christian me by our Lord Jesus Christ, and James his Apostle: So we

of religion.

we iudge that Christian religion doeth not prohibite, but that a man may sweare when the Magistrate requireth, in a cause of faith & charitie, so it be done according to the prophets teaching, in iustice, iudgement, and trueth.

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The Ratification.



HIS booke of Articles before rehearsed, is againe approued, and allowed to be holden and executed within the Realme, by the assent and consent of our Soueraigne Ladye Elizabeth, by the grace of God, of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande Queene, defender of the faith, &c. Which Articles were deliberately read, and confirmed againe by the subscription of the hands of the Archbyshop & Byshops of the vpper house, and by the subscription of the whole Cleargie in the neather house in their Connocation, in the yeere of our Lorde God. 1571.

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